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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/638,096	KODAVERDIAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Hadi Shakeri	3723	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9, 11-13, 15-24, 26-28, 30 and 32-34 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-9, 11-13, 15-24, 26-28, 30 and 32-34 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 October 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

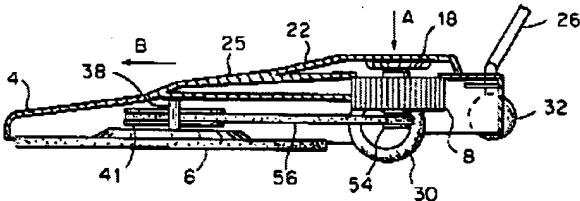
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 13, 15-17, 20-24, 26, 28, 30, and 33-35 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gurstein et al. (5,870,791).

Gurstein et al. discloses all of the limitations of claims, 1 and 17, i.e., a floor edger comprising a first housing (defined by shroud 4, deck 14 and cover 22) including a first opening and a rotatable abrasive disc (6) located in said opening; a second opening (16 on either side of the bar defining 17); a third opening (24); said rotatable abrasive disc having a diameter greater than six inches; and a motor (8) operatively connected to said first housing and drivingly connected to said abrasive disc located at least partially in a second opening; a motor controller (25) as disclosed in col. 6, lines 33-47, wherein a fan (18) drivingly connected to the motor and located in the first housing on the shaft (20) between motor (8) and the pulley (54) (05:65-67) and wherein an air path is defined between the port and the first opening through the fan (05: 50-58).

Regarding claims 4-8 and 20-23, Gurstein et al. meets the limitations, e.g., col. 3, line 46 (US 5,004,944); 2.5 hp.

Regarding claims 9, 11, 13, 15-16 and 24, 26, 28, 30, and 33-35, Gurstein et al. meets the limitations, e.g., second housing frame (3).



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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 12 and 27 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gurstein et al. in view of anyone of Buser et al. (6,935939), Oda et al. (6,447,383) or Howard, Jr. et al. (5,392,568).

Gurstein et al. as applied above meets all of the limitations above, except for disclosing a vacuum device attachable to the third opening.

Vacuum ports to withdraw dust and debris are known in the art as evident by prior art cited above. Buser et al. discloses that using a cooling fan for withdrawing dust and debris is old and known in the art, but having limited utility. Howard, Jr. et al., discloses using a cooling fan for withdrawing dust and debris. Oda et al. teaches providing another fan for withdrawing dust and debris.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify the invention of Gurstein et al. with vacuum device as taught by anyone of Buser et al., Oda et al., or Howard, Jr. et al. to collect the generated dust and debris. Note that modification per Buser et al. may not be the preferred embodiment as taught by the teaching reference, but just modifying the cooling fan by reversing the flow (and collecting or guiding the dust, e.g., via a hose), as simple, fast and inexpensive means of providing a dust collector for the device is considered well within the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art.

5. Claims 2, 3, 18, and 19 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gurstein et al. in view of McCutchen (6,540,598).

Gurstein et al. as described meets all the limitations of the above claims, except for the specific size of the disc, and weight of the edger. The edger as disclosed by Gurstein is dimensioned and proportionally sized for a disc having 20" diameter, therefore modifying or proportionally downsizing the edger for a disc of about 7", a common commercially available size as evident by or in view of McCutchen (col. 3, line 46), depending on the workpiece and/or operational parameters, e.g., grinding small or hard to reach areas, a modification well within the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art, would reduce the weight if not three times smaller, sufficiently lighter to meet the limitations as recited.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 18 and 19, Gurstein modified in view of McCutchen, i.e., for use with a smaller pad, e.g., 7" depending on workpiece and/or operational parameters meets the limitations, since pads having 6 to 8 inch diameters are common in the art.

Conclusion

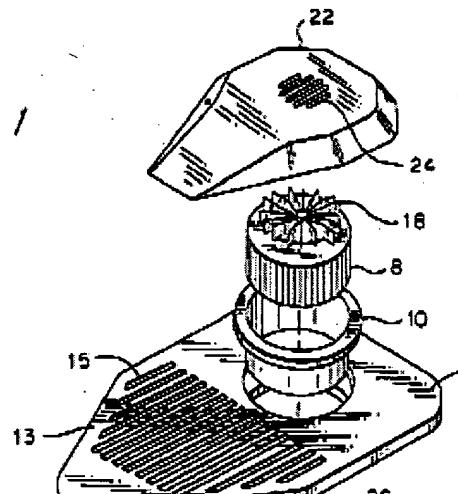
6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed October 12, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Gurstein as noted by the applicant was applied under anticipation rejection. The air path as disclosed by Gurstein, whether it is to cool the motor or for other reasons, anticipates the limitations, i.e., extending between the first opening and the third opening by way of the fan; further which way the air is flowing, i.e., towards the motor and into the room or away from the motor, is irrelevant. In this case, the air is sucked through the inlet slots (24) by the fan (18) and through the grooves (15) to cool the motor and the deck 14. It meets the limitation as recited, i.e., "an air path extending between said first opening and said third opening by way of said fan." It appears applicant is reading more into the claims. It is been held that, although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

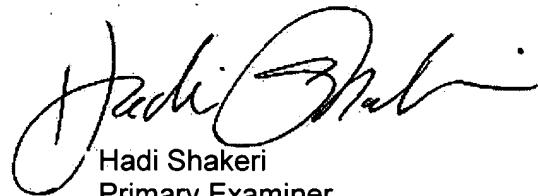


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hadi Shakeri whose telephone number is 571-272-4495. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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October 17, 2006